

ONE OFFICER GUARDS \$350,000,000 DAILY

Francis Kelly, Philadelphia's Famous Bank Detective, Is the Only Sleuth Regularly Detailed to City's Financial District.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Philadelphia, March 25.—One man in this city has the responsibility of guarding \$350,000,000.

His position is probably one of the most unique in the world, and his personality and history are so interesting that a fascinating book might easily be written therefrom.

He is unassuming, mild mannered, but wide awake and determined. This mysterious personage, who is reputed to be the highest salaried man in his line in this country or Europe, is Francis R. Kelly, who is known by the title of "The Bank Detective."

His beat covers the financial district of the Quaker City, taking in both sides of Chestnut street, from Third to Sixth. This area, in addition to the Custom-house and the Subtreasury, whose vaults are constantly loaded with millions of dollars in both coin and bank notes, also takes in the famous banking-house of Drexel & Co., and the chief financial institutions of the city.

CRIMINALS KNOW HIM.

Kelly is one of the most familiar sights in that section of the city. He is known to all of the bankers and brokers, and is familiar with the bank runners who constantly sit about that locality between 9 o'clock in the morning and 3 in the afternoon; but best of all, Kelly's countenance and figure are known to every bank crook from Maine to California, and his presence is for the sole purpose of keeping those gentlemen from attempting to do business within the precincts of the sacred circle which he guards so zealously.

Those who expect to see Kelly a man who looks like a detective, or who acts like one, will be sadly disappointed. He bears no resemblance whatever to Sherlock Holmes. Yet this Philadelphia, by merely lifting his eyebrows, has caused one of the biggest thieves in the history of crime to leave this country. Nor does he resemble Poe's celebrated Monsieur Dupin. He makes no pretense of being a detective. He is not the detective of the novel, and he is also far removed from the detective of actual life who is found in all large cities.

Kelly is a soft-spoken, bright-eyed, alert-looking man, who might be taken for a successful banker or a prosperous business man.

He doesn't talk shop, either. He will discuss any of the big questions of the day intelligently and pleasantly, but when the work in which he is engaged is brought out in the conversation he shows a disposition to shy away.

THIEVES HAVE FLOWN.

There are three, however, when he will talk of such things to those in whom he has confidence. Not long since, in speaking to a friend of famous criminals, he said:

"All of our best thieves have left this city. Some of them are abroad in London and Paris, but few worth talking about are left with us."

Before Cassie Chadwick was dreamed of Kelly arrested Sophie Jerome, secured her conviction, and saw her sentenced to prison. Sophie Jerome was one of the most famous female criminals of the last decade, and after her conviction by the case with which she had lured bankers and financial men of all degrees. It was about the same time that he arrested Diamond Marks, alias "Minnie Marks," and John O'Brien, alias "The Kid."

It is in keeping with the character of this character not only out of the banks but out of his financial district that has given Kelly the fame that he justly enjoys at the present time. He dislikes to claim any special credit for his work. He is not uncharitable of his own, but when the subject is broached he modestly says that he is on duty as a "preventive." This is true, but that he has not been unduly interested in his work will be cheerfully attested by his employers.

METHUSELAH TORTOISE IS WORTH A FORTUNE.

Aged Creature One of a Few of Its Kind in Captivity—Is a Splendid Specimen.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Norfolk, Va., March 25.—Captain I. P. Shurtleff of the cutter Nero, who has just returned to this port from coaling the South Pacific squadron, brought a curiosity probably exceeding in value and rarity anything of its kind ever seen in this country and specimens of which are possessed by only a few of the museums of Europe.

It is a gigantic land turtle, or tortoise, from one of the Galapagos group. The tortoise was presented to Captain Shurtleff by the Governor of one of the islands. It measures about two feet across the back, weighs about seventy-five pounds, is supposed to be 80 years old and is valued at \$500.

As captain of a naval cutter Captain Shurtleff had occasion to visit these islands, which are out of the line of travel, but the regular meeting place of ships of the South Pacific squadron and coaling. Having heard of this species of tortoise and its rarity, Captain Shurtleff made up his mind to capture one, and while waiting for the ships to reach the rendezvous made several attempts to capture a specimen. In the end he was not given much encouragement by the Governor, who told him that the species was practically extinct, and that he had not heard of a specimen being captured for twelve years.

In spite of this, however, a party of the ship's crew went into the interior. The trip lasted for several days, and the hunting party ran out of water and near perishing of thirst before they returned to the ship without having seen a sign of tortoise.

Just before the departure of the ship, however, the Governor heard that one had been captured in the interior. He sent and bought it and presented it to the Captain. The species to which this specimen belongs is found only in the Galapagos and Masareno groups. Until recent years these islands were not inhabited by man. Consequently, the tortoise which abounded there and are known for their longevity even to be exceedingly large. When the islands were visited by man and the abundance of the reptile, the meat of which was found to be palatable, was observed, it became the thing for ships passing in the neighborhood to go out of their way to visit the islands and obtain a quantity.

Each reptile would furnish seventy-five to 80 pounds of excellent meat, could be kept alive for months in the hold of the ship without food and served to vary the monotony of salt diet. After the islands were settled the capture and shipment of these tortoises became an industry, with the result that the species has become practically extinct.

Just how rare the species is can be judged from the fact that about a year ago the Rothschilds fitted out an expedition to capture one or more of these tortoises. The expedition was sent to the Galapagos group and succeeded in catching four specimens, the cost of the undertaking amounting to more than \$50,000.

DUMMY CIGAR BOXES TO GO.

Commissioner Won't Permit Them for Window Dressing.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 25.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes has issued a notice to retail cigar dealers that after May 1 the use of "dummy" boxes for window dressing will be prohibited.

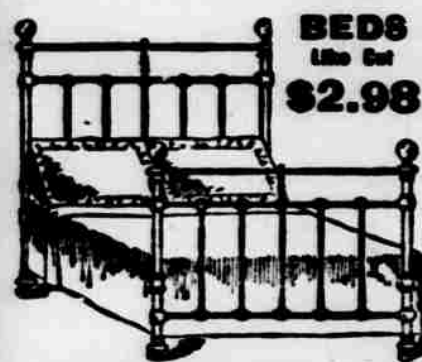
It has been the practice for many years for manufacturers to furnish these boxes, bearing their labels and marks, in large quantities to their customers. In some cases factory numbers and caution notices have been placed on the boxes. The law does not allow the use of empty cigar boxes by the retailer for any purpose, but the practice has heretofore been winked at.



All St. Louis will point with pride to the new May-Stern-Store

We are planning to make the Opening of our New store—corner Twelfth and Olive—an event of personal interest to every man and woman in St. Louis. Due announcement of the date and full particulars will be made in the daily papers very soon now! Watch for it!!

Before we move every dollar's worth of our present stock must be closed out! With this object clearly in view, we have plunged into this stock, shut out all thoughts of cost or profit, and have slashed prices to a lower level than you've ever known in all your shopping experience. Nothing has been excepted—nothing reserved—from the finest qualities to the very cheapest, from the top floor to the basement, every article has been cut to a price where the goods practically sell themselves. We are perfectly sincere when we tell you that this is, without any exception, the greatest bargain opportunity ever offered the people of this city! The money-saving is so clear, so distinct, that it must appeal to the judgment of everyone who may need new home furnishings of any kind. Make up a list of the things you need and give it your attention this week.



BEDS
Linen
\$2.98

Remarkable Values in
IRON BEDS
We skip all detailed description—relying on you to come and see the qualities for yourselves.
\$3.50 IRON BEDS \$1.29
\$5.00 IRON BEDS \$2.98
\$10 IRON BEDS \$4.50
\$12 IRON BEDS \$7.75
\$18 IRON BEDS \$12.50

THE NEW MAY-STERNS STORE

WILL be the first of St. Louis' great retail stores to establish on Twelfth street. It will be a store of commanding proportions—running a half block on Olive street and a half block on Twelfth street—the mammoth store, with a floor area of 116,000 square feet—making it the largest store in all America devoted exclusively to the display of furniture, carpets and housefurnishings. The spread of plate-glass show windows will be the wonder of St. Louis—for they will extend clear to the third floor all around the building—and will be illuminated with something over 6,000 electric lights. The interior of the store is being arranged with a view of affording our patrons every comfort and convenience—and making shopping at May-Stern's pleasant as well as profitable. A brand new stock has been especially selected for this new store and is now arriving daily—which makes it imperative for us to close out our present stock, even if it has to be done at considerable loss.

OUR NEW SPRING STOCK OF GO-CARTS

Will be thrown into this sale at Removal Sale Prices, and that means greater values than we've ever offered in all the years we've been in the furniture business in this city.

\$10 GO-CARTS FOR \$ 6.50
\$15 GO-CARTS FOR \$ 9.75
\$18 GO-CARTS FOR \$12.50
\$25 GO-CARTS FOR \$18.00
\$30 GO-CARTS FOR \$22.50



P. S. The new styles this season are extremely beautiful and will please you immensely. Come and look over the entire line.

Slashing Reductions on Fine Sideboards

In reading these offerings you don't need to take them with the proverbial grain of salt—you can rely upon the absolute accuracy of our every word and you'll find the values here, when you come just exactly as advertised.

\$12.50 SIDEBOARDS FOR \$7.98
\$18.00 SIDEBOARDS FOR \$11.75
\$28.50 SIDEBOARDS FOR \$18.50
\$40.00 SIDEBOARDS FOR \$22.50
\$60.00 SIDEBOARDS FOR \$35.00



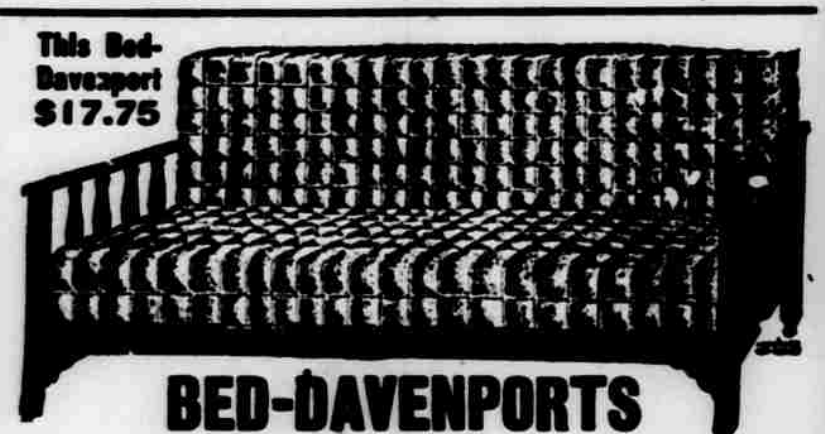
This Style \$14.50.

We Offer You Wonderful Bargains in HANDSOME DRESSERS

Offerings like these need no special comment on our part. The reduced prices speak with more power and persuasion than anything we could say. Read the prices and note the savings—that's all.

\$12.00 DRESSERS FOR \$7.75
\$18.00 DRESSERS FOR \$12.50
\$23.50 DRESSERS FOR \$16.50
\$35.00 DRESSERS FOR \$21.50
\$45.00 DRESSERS FOR \$28.75
\$60.00 DRESSERS FOR \$38.50

This Dresser \$16.50.



As is well known, we show more different designs in Bed-Davenports and more desirable styles than all other stores in this city put together. Here are the reduced prices:

\$25.00 FOLDING BED-DAVENPORTS.....\$17.75
\$40.00 FOLDING BED-DAVENPORTS.....\$27.50
\$45.00 FOLDING BED-DAVENPORTS.....\$32.50
\$60.00 FOLDING BED-DAVENPORTS.....\$42.50



Table like cut \$12.50.

WE ARE CLOSING OUT ALL EXTENSION TABLES.

We've bought an entirely new stock for the new store—so these must be sold out to the very last one.

\$ 7.50 TABLES FOR \$ 4.48
\$12.00 TABLES FOR \$ 7.50
\$20.00 TABLES FOR \$12.50
\$25.00 TABLES FOR \$16.50
\$35.00 TABLES FOR \$22.50

CASH OR CREDIT

S. E. Cor. Eleventh and Olive Sts.

WE GIVE EAGLE TRADING STAMPS

This Bed \$12.50. REDUCED PRICES ON ALL MANTEL BEDS.

Swift selling these days—and no wonder! Just look at the prices!!

\$12.50 VALUES FOR \$ 8.98
\$18.00 VALUES FOR \$12.50
\$25.00 VALUES FOR \$17.98
\$35.00 VALUES FOR \$22.50

Grander Values Than Ever in Carpets and Rugs

In our haste to rush out this entire stock, prices have dropped to cost, and in many instances to less than cost. Every style—every pattern—every quality—all go at uniform low prices—a most unusual opportunity that frugal folks will not overlook. For example:

600 INGRAIN RUGS—Size 9x12 feet—great variety of excellent colors and patterns—worth \$6.50.....\$3.98
400 INGRAIN RUGS—Size 9x12 feet—the superior all-wool quality—worth \$10.00.....\$6.15
200 BRUSSELS RUGS—Size 9x12 feet—good quality of closely woven Brussels—and worth \$18.00.....\$11.50
100 VELVET RUGS—Size 9x12 feet—exquisite patterns and high-grade qualities—worth \$25.00—for...\$16.50
100 AXMINSTER RUGS—Size 9x12 feet—rugs that positively cannot be equaled elsewhere for less than \$40.00—in this sale.....\$25.00
65 ROLLS OF INGRAIN CARPETS—Good durable qualities, in neat floral patterns—worth 40c a yard—in this sale.....25c
50 ROLLS OF BRUSSELS CARPETS—The identical qualities that sell regularly for 60c to 75c a yard—in this sale for.....48c
75 ROLLS OF BRUSSELS CARPETS—Extra superior qualities in choicest patterns—sold regularly at \$1.00 a yard.....65c
60 ROLLS OF VELVET CARPETS—Soft, luxurious carpets in exquisite colorings and designs—sold regularly for \$1.25 to \$1.40 a yard.....98c
50 ROLLS OF AXMINSTER CARPETS—The products of the finest mills in America—rich reds, greens, browns and other wanted colorings—worth \$1.75 to \$2.00 a yard—for...\$1.20

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THESE PRICES ON FINE CHIFFONNIERS?

Now, honestly, do you know of any reason why you or any other person should pay regular prices elsewhere when values like these can be had at May-Stern's? We've plunged into this sale to make a clean sweep of this stock and we're going to do it.

\$ 6.50 CHIFFONNIERS, \$ 4.25
\$10.00 CHIFFONNIERS, \$ 6.75
\$16.50 CHIFFONNIERS, \$11.50
\$25.00 CHIFFONNIERS, \$16.50
\$38.00 CHIFFONNIERS, \$22.50
\$38.00 CHIFFONNIERS, \$25.00



TRULY WONDERFUL Three-Piece Parlor Suits OFFERINGS IN FINE

The assortment is superb and includes the very newest and prettiest designs that have been produced this season. The former prices and our Removal Sale Prices are briefly stated below.

\$18 Three-Piece Parlor Suits, \$ 9.75
\$25 Three-Piece Parlor Suits, \$16.00
\$30 Three-Piece Parlor Suits, \$22.50
\$40 Three-Piece Parlor Suits, \$28.75



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FARMING ON A LARGE SCALE.

Millionaire Has Gained Riches by Old-Fashioned Methods.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Smithsboro, Ga., March 25.—Colonel James M. Smith of this city is one of the few millionaires who have won their

wealth by farming; few, for the reason that "men are rare who can make a farm an institution." This man, who is practically a class by himself, began with a farm of about sixty-five acres, near Athens, Ga., in 1882. His first year's crop was two bales of cotton and fifty bushels of corn. He now owns three acres of land, much of which is timber and pasture, and his crop last year consisted of 1,200 bales of cotton, 2,500 bushels of

corn, 12,000 bushels of wheat, 12,000 bushels of oats, 4,000 bushels of cowpeas, 4,000 bushels of green peas, 1,000 bushels of turnips and 80 tons of hay and forage. A peculiarity of Colonel Smith's method is found in his tenacity of utilizing the labor at hand to a certain extent by employing machinery and keeping his hands busy all the year round. For example, one hundred and fifty men and children, black and white, are employed to keep his laboratory of land for picking time.

There is a man who has solved for himself and to his profit the negro question in the South. His laborers are among the happiest and freest in this country, and yet they are like the antebellum slaves in their dependence upon their employer. He directs their work with fatherly kindness, keeps them busy and provides them with comfortable homes and clothing. The result is that the negroes remain his tenants for years and are devoted to his interests.

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State Reports Organization. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Williamsboro, Pa., March 25.—High School girls of Berwick have joined with those of Williamsboro, Hazleton and McKeown in refusing to walk with boys who use disparaging or to allow them to call at their homes. Many boys have given up disparaging in consequence.